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SUBJECT: REMARKS OF PANAMA AMBASSADOR TO OAS

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE REMARKS MADE BY AMBASSADOR PITY LATE IN THE MEETING (WHICH HE CHAIRED) OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL ACTING PROVISIONALLY AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION SEPTEMBER 24 (PARA 4, REF. B).

QUOTE I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM MY COLLEAGUES, NOT AS PRESIDENT BUT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF PANAMA THAT IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN A CONSENSUS ... AND BELIEVING THAT UP UNTIL THE PRESENT I HAVE KNOWN HOW TO INTERPRET THE FOREIGN POLICY OF MY COUNTRY -- AND SINCE I HAVE THE FREEDOM TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF THIS NATURE IN INTERPRETATION OF THAT POLICY -- I AM DISPOSED TO ACCEPT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION, ABOUT WHICH I HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ...

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THE RESOLUTION CONVOKING THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION (SEE REF. A) RESOLVES THAT THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL TAKE COGNIZANCE OF STRICT RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION OF ONE STATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CHANGE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH EXISTED WHEN MEASURES AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA WERE ADOPTED.

FIRST, EACH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED IN THIS ORGANIZATION IS FREE, ACCORDING TO ITS OWN INTERPRETATION (AND I WANT TO SAY THIS SO THAT IT WILL APPEAR IN THE MINUTES), IS FREE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION OF ONE STATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, NOT ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA BUT ALSO BY ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH MAY HAVE COMMITTED SUCH A VIOLATION. AND SECOND, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE CHANGE IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH EXISTED WHEN THE MEASURES AGAINST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT WERE ADOPTED WE WILL ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE STUDY OF ANY CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, NOT ONLY THOSE WHICH MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN CUBA BUT ALSO THOSE WHICH MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN OTHER AREAS -- THOSE WHICH MAY HAVE ORIGINATED IN THE ENTIRE WORLD, THOSE WHICH RESULT FROM THE EXPANSION OF THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE GREAT POWERS, THOSE WHICH RESULT FROM THE CHANGE IN THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTRUMENTS TO INCLUDE THE PLURALITY OF IDEOLOGIES.

THEREFORE WE ARE NOT CONSTITUTED HERE AS A COURT TO JUDGE CUBA AGAIN. WE ARE CONSTITUTED AS AN ORGAN OF CONSULTATION TO EXAMINE SITUATIONS. AND IN EXAMINING SITUATIONS JUST AS SOME GOVERNMENTS WILL BRING A MASS OF PROOFS AGAINST SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTS, ALL OF US IN A STRICTLY JURIDICAL SENSE INTERPRET THIS RESOLUTION IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE FREE TO BRING ANY PROOF WHICH INDICATES A - DEMONSTRATION OF VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION OF ONE STATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES AND ANY PROOF WHICH LEADS TO AN ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE WORLD BETWEEN 1964 AND 1974. THAT IS MY COUNTRY'S INTERPRETATION. END QUOTE.

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2. JUST BEFORE THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL, PITY SPOKE AGAIN:
QUOTE BEFORE CLOSING THE DEBATE, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE INTERPRETED IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT IT SAYS ITSELF AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH CONVOKED THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION. FIRST WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE ORGAN OF CONSULTATION PROVISIONALLY CONSTITUTED BY THE PERMANENT

COUNCIL. SECOND, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE ANY DOCUMENTATION OR INFORMATION THAT THE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO PRESENT. THIRD, SUCH INFORMATION MAY BE PRESENTED VERBALLY OR IN WRITING...AND FINALLY THE CHAIR UNDERSTANDS THAT A CORRECT INTERPRETATION OF THE RESOLUTION THAT CONVOKED THIS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION LEAVES ALL THE STATES FREE TO PRESENT THE DOCUMENTATION AND OPINIONS THAT THOSE STATES CONSIDER PERTINENT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A VIOLATION OR

THERE HAS NOT BEEN A VIOLATION OF STRICT RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-INTERVENTION OF ONE STATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES, WHOEVER MAY HAVE COMMITTED THE VIOLATION, AND TO PRESENT PROOFS OR INFORMATION WHICH WILL PERMIT AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1964 AND 1974. THIS IS HOW THE CHAIR SUMMARIZES THE SITUATION.

I BELIEVE THAT THIS ILLUSTRATES THE CHAMBER'S THOUGHT AND WE CAN NOW PROCEED TO THE VOTE. IF THERE IS NO EXPRESSION TO THE CONTRARY, I WILL CONSIDER IT THUS. END QUOTE.

3. NO OBJECTION WAS MADE. FYI: THE U.S. DID NOT OBJECT FOR TWO REASONS: 1) THERE IS NO RULE OF GERMANENESS IN THE OAS, AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE COUNCIL DECIDES, PANAMA CAN SAY WHAT IT PLEASES, AND 2) WE DID NOT WISH TO RISK EITHER BREAKING THE UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION OR ENTERING INTO A DISCUSSION OF ANY U.S. QTE INTERVENTIONS UNQTE. END FYI.

4. THE CONSENSUS IN THE OAS IS THAT PITY'S REMARKS ARE CLEARLY AIMED AT THE U.S. HE MAY BE MAKING ROUTINE WAVES JUST TO KEEP US OFF BALANCE. BUT HE MAY ALSO BE PAVING CONFIDENTIAL

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THE WAY FOR AN ATTACK ON US WITH RESPECT TO ANY NUMBER OF ALLEGED U.S. INTERVENTIONS (INCLUDING CHILE).

5. SINCE PITY QUALIFIED HIS REMARKS BY NOTING THAT HE WAS INTERPRETING HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION, HE MAY HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE WITHOUT THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE GOP. NEVERTHELESS, WE REGARD PITY'S REMARKS ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND 24 WITH SERIOUS CONCERN. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED

TO INQUIRE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WHETHER PITY'S REMARKS REFLECT THE OFFICIAL VIEWS OF THE GOP AND IF SO WHAT ISSUES, OTHER THAN THE OAS POLICY TOWARD CUBA, DOES THE GOP PLAN TO RAISE UNDER PITY'S BROAD INTERPRETATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE QUITO MFM.

6. DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE A REPORT ON MEDIA
COVERAGE, IF ANY, IN PANAMA OF PITY'S REMARKS. A COPY
OF THE REMARKS IN SPANISH IS BEING POUCHED. INGERSOLL

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